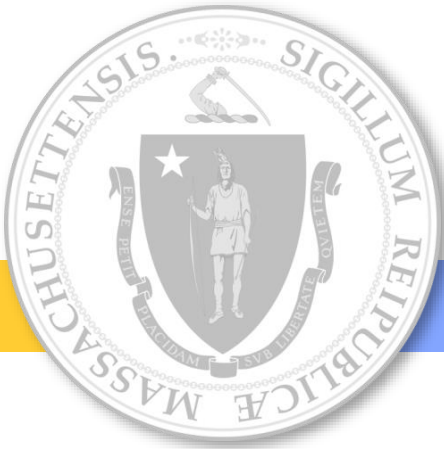


COVID-19 Vaccination Initiative for Public and Private Low Income and Affordable Senior Housing



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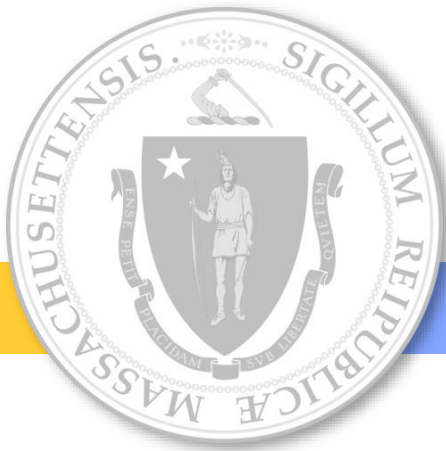
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Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Department of Housing and Community Development
Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation
MassHousing

On January 13th, Governor Baker announced that residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable housing would be included in the Phase Two of the Vaccination Rollout



The Boston Globe

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Vaccine will go to those in shelters, prisons, and senior housing, Baker says



Definitions

Public and Private Low Income and Affordable Housing

- Any residential premises available for lease by older or disabled individuals which is financed or subsidized in whole or in part by state or federal housing programs established primarily to furnish housing rather than housing and personal services. Specifically, this includes:
 - Public housing properties designated primarily for older adults that are owned/operated by Local Housing Authorities. This includes those public housing properties owned by a Housing Authority but managed by a private company.
 - Privately owned rental properties designated for older adults that are financed in whole or part through resources made available from DHCD, MassHousing, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and in which the majority of units are restricted to residents earning less than 80% of Area Median Income.
- Property must be “age restricted”
- Property can not be an ALR, CCRC, or licensed/certified by the state
 - Separate initiative for congregate care settings licensed/certified by the state



Definitions

Residents

- Household members currently on the lease for a rental unit in public and private low income and affordable senior housing
- Can include residents that are not seniors but reside in the building including younger disabled residents
- Minor household members are included but must be eligible per the vaccine manufacturer guidelines

Staff

- All persons, paid or unpaid, working or volunteering at each of the qualified housing locations, who have the potential for exposure to residents or to infectious materials, contaminated environmental surfaces, or contaminated air



Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program (FPPP)

- Initiative funded and administered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to provide CVS/Walgreens vaccination clinics onsite in specific settings including:
 - Nursing Facilities
 - Rest Homes
 - Assisted Living Residences
 - Continuing Care Residential Communities
 - Housing funded through the HUD Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program
- Per the CDC, other low-income senior housing was excluded from the FPPP
- Clinics began on 1/11 and continue into February/March
- MassHousing/CEDAC have been reaching out to designated properties to see if they need any assistance
- List of FPPP facilities/properties: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/long-term-care-facility-covid-19-vaccine-guidance#list-of-ltcfs-participating-in-the-federal-pharmacy-partnership-program>



Those properties not enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program, should begin exploring options now to be ready to start vaccinating residents and staff once activated by the Governor

State agencies are prepared to assist with:

- Reviewing options
- Providing resources and templates
- Helping to identify potential local partners
- Assisting with vaccine allocation, if needed
- Answering questions and helping troubleshoot



About the COVID-19 Vaccines

- There are currently two available COVID-19 vaccines:
 - The Moderna vaccine may be administered to individuals 18 and older
 - The Pfizer vaccine may be administered to individuals 16 and older
- Both vaccines require two doses for an individual to be fully vaccinated. It is critical that the second dose:
 - Be the same vaccine (i.e. Moderna or Pfizer) as the first dose
 - Be administered from the same location as the first dose
 - Be administered at the specified time
 - Moderna - 28 days after first dose
 - Pfizer - 21 days after first dose
- CDC websites on [Moderna](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html) and [Pfizer](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html) vaccines
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FAQs:

It's **SAFE**



The available COVID-19 Vaccines are approved and recommended by the FDA and CDC.

By **prioritizing resources and efforts**, the vaccines were developed quickly and **never** at the expense of safety.

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It's **FREE**

The COVID-19 vaccine is being administered **free of charge** to all individuals by the federal government.



No insurance is required.

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Is the vaccine safe?

- **Yes. The vaccine is safe.**
- Vaccines go through more testing than any other pharmaceuticals, including extensive testing in clinical trials
- The FDA, which approves the vaccine, and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), reviewed data to ensure the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are both safe and effective
- The infectious disease leads in the state's academic medical centers also reviewed the EUA data for both vaccines and provided an independent opinion about their safety and efficacy and recommended their use

What will the vaccine cost?

- **The vaccine is being provided free of charge to all individuals**
- There is no cost to the individual.
- Insurance companies will not charge any out-of-pocket fees or co-payments related to COVID-19 vaccine administration
- All health care provider sites that receive vaccine must agree to not charge patients out-of-pocket fees or deny anyone vaccination

Other FAQs are available on mass.gov/covidvaccine



Vaccine Deployment Options

- **Option #1:** Leverage Existing Pharmacy Partnerships or other Medical Provider Relationships
- **Option #2:** Contact their Local Board of Health (LBOH), if the Board is running clinics, to discuss capacity to provide an onsite clinic
- **Option #3:** Residents and staff may schedule an appointment at a provider location, pharmacy, or a Mass Vaccination Site

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- Housing owners or property managers may have existing partnerships with local pharmacies through regular flu vaccine clinics, and/or with local hospitals, health care practices, community health centers, university health centers, ambulance providers or visiting nurse agencies; these partnerships may be leveraged to administer COVID-19 vaccines.
- Owners/managers are encouraged to contact existing health care partners to determine if these partners have the capacity to operate a vaccination clinic on-site at the housing property or the ability to arrange for a special vaccine clinic for your residents at a mutually agreeable location.
- If you identify a clinical partner your company/housing authority can work with the state to factor these needs into your partners vaccine allocation

Option #2: Partnership with Local Board of Health



- Some local boards of health will be organizing clinics to immunize people in Phases 1, 2, and 3.
 - Information on locations and hours for these clinics is posted on [COVID-19 vaccine locations for individuals currently eligible to be vaccinated](#)
- Important to understand how the local board of health operates the clinic and if there is capacity to come onsite to administer vaccines or for the local board of health to dedicate part of a scheduled clinic for your residents



Option #3: Accessing Public Vaccination Sites

- Residents and staff may schedule an appointment at a provider location, pharmacy, or a Mass Vaccination site
- Vaccination locations are posted on the mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine-in-massachusetts website
- Additional sites are being set up each week
- Online attestation to sign up for appointment and documentation provided to get vaccine
 - Owners/Managers provide a letter verifying that individuals is a resident or staff member
 - Templates available online
- **Specific webinar related to accessing these vaccination sites scheduled for February 3rd, 10AM-11AM**

Where Will the Vaccine be Administered?

Find out where to
get vaccinated if you
are in **PHASE 1**



mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap



• Mass Vaccination Sites

- Gillette Stadium went live on 01/18
- Fenway launching on 02/01
- Springfield at Eastfield Mall launching on 1/29
- Danvers at Double Tree Hilton Hotel launching on 2/3
- Reggie Lewis Center (coming online Early February through partnership with City of Boston)

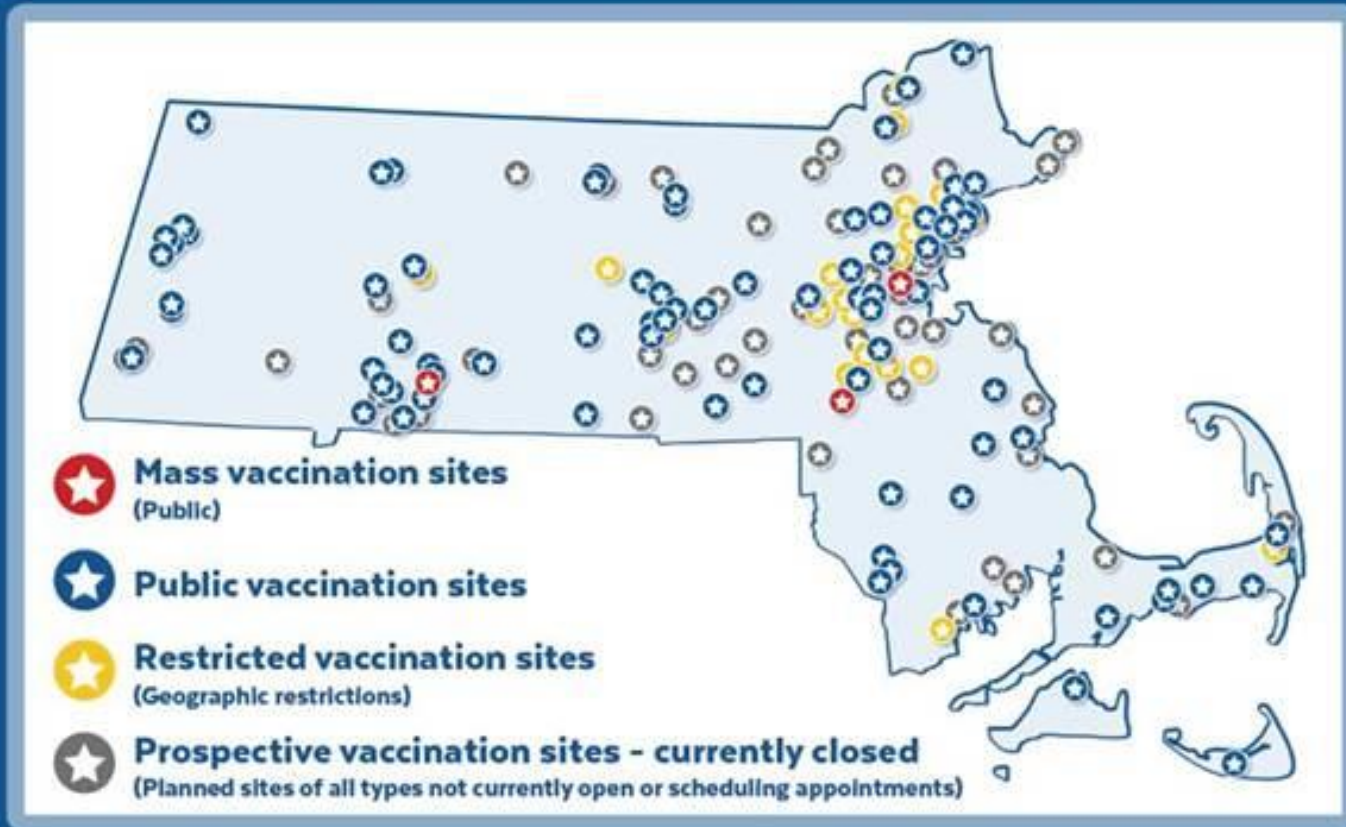
• Retail Pharmacies (started 1/19)

- CVS Health, Walgreens, 44 new sites coming online this week: These include new pharmacy and retail locations such as Big Y, Wegmans, Price Chopper, Retail Business Services at Hannaford and Stop and Shop Pharmacies, and CVS Health. In total, 60 pharmacy sites available for vaccination, with more coming online in the coming weeks

• Open provider sites, community clinics

- Health providers who have signed up to host clinics-**COMING SOON!**

COVID-19 Vaccination Locations



Additional sites added regularly. For location details and to book an appointment visit mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap



Considerations for Onsite Clinics



Hosting a clinic onsite may carry the following responsibilities for the housing owner/manager:

- Identify a local board of health, community health center, pharmacy, or other health care provider to partner with who is available to come onsite to offer the clinic for both doses – spaced at least 3 weeks apart
- Work with residents and staff to share information about the timing of clinics and to distribute available materials about the vaccine and what to expect
- Assist with gathering required paperwork from residents such as consent forms and other documentation required for the clinic
- Responsible for providing adequate space for immunizations and post-immunization observation
- Responsible for logistics, scheduling, and resident flow on the day of clinics, ensuring appropriate social distancing while people are waiting
 - Accommodating those residents that may be frail or unable to leave their apartment for medical reasons

Service coordinators, Councils on Aging, or ASAPs may be able to help

Reporting – Planning Survey



- Brief online form to be completed as soon as decisions have been made about partner agency and approach being used
- Basic information about building
- Information about planned approach
 - Onsite clinic
 - Offsite clinic
 - Directing residents/staff to community vaccination sites
- Information about healthcare agency partner, estimated vaccine need, and type of vaccine to be used
- **This information is critical to ensuring that your needs are factored into the partner agency's vaccine allocation**

Reporting – Outcome Survey



- Brief online form
- Basic information about building
- Dates of clinics and vaccinations provided
- Any observations or lessons learned
- Responses will help the state track and improve the vaccine rollout to affordable senior housing



Lessons Learned from FPPP Experience

Kate Swope, Peabody Properties




Frequently Asked Questions




Next Steps....

- Determine if your housing is considered “public and private low income and affordable senior housing” as defined earlier
- Start talking to your residents to gauge interest in a clinic
 - Inform residents about available community options (for age 75+ now and age 65+ soon)
- Decide if you think you can sponsor an onsite clinic
- Find a healthcare partner – contact LBOH; flu clinic; local pharmacy; local CHC; local hospital
- Discuss options with the healthcare partner (onsite or offsite)
- Estimate the number of vaccines needed to cover residents and staff; give that information to the healthcare partner so they can determine when to schedule the clinic (dependent on their supply of vaccines)
- Complete online Planning Survey to notify the state of your plans in case extra vaccines are needed for the clinics
- Start collecting required paperwork from the staff and residents
- Start planning for how to operationalize an onsite or offsite clinic

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COVID-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts

Massachusetts is preparing for the safe, equitable, and effective delivery of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine. Learn about the approach and when you can expect to get vaccinated.

[WHEN CAN I GET THE VACCINE?](#)

COVID-19 Vaccinations for Senior Housing Settings

Vaccinations for residents living in and staff working in public and private low income and affordable housing for older people



<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccinations-for-senior-housing-settings>

- Resources
- Templates and Sample Documents
- FAQs
- Links to other useful information
- Point of Contact: SeniorHousingVaccine@mass.gov



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Next Webinar: COVID-19 Response Command Center Briefing on Mass Vaccination Sites for Senior Housing **February 3rd, 10AM-11AM**

- Registration information to be posted online

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